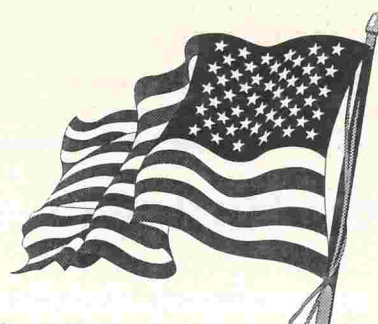




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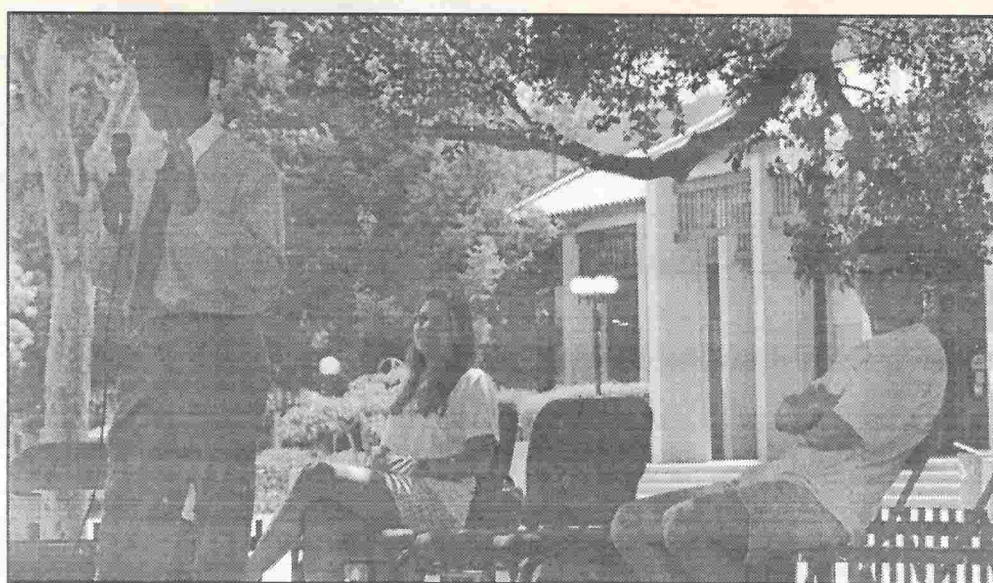
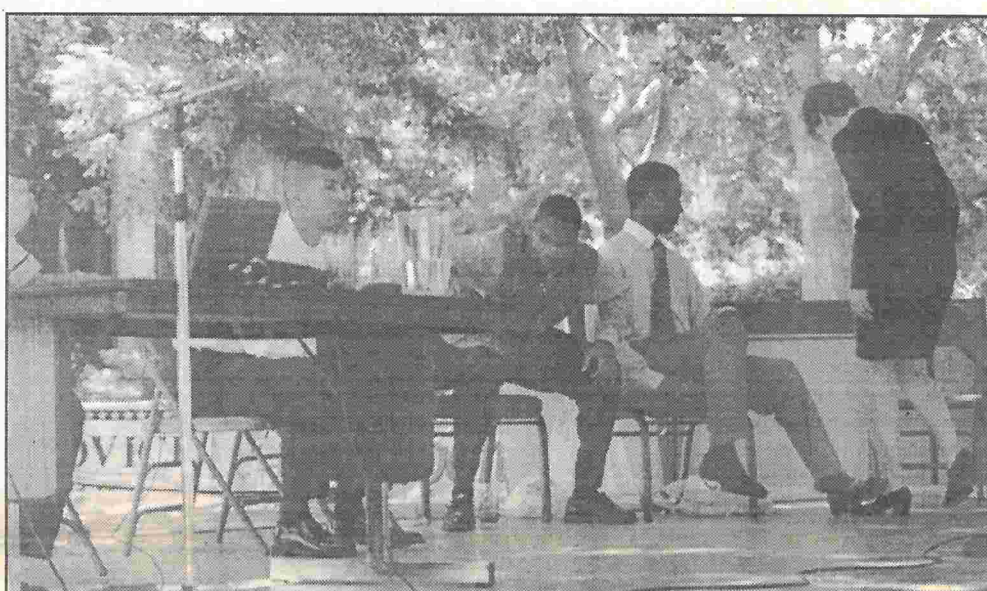
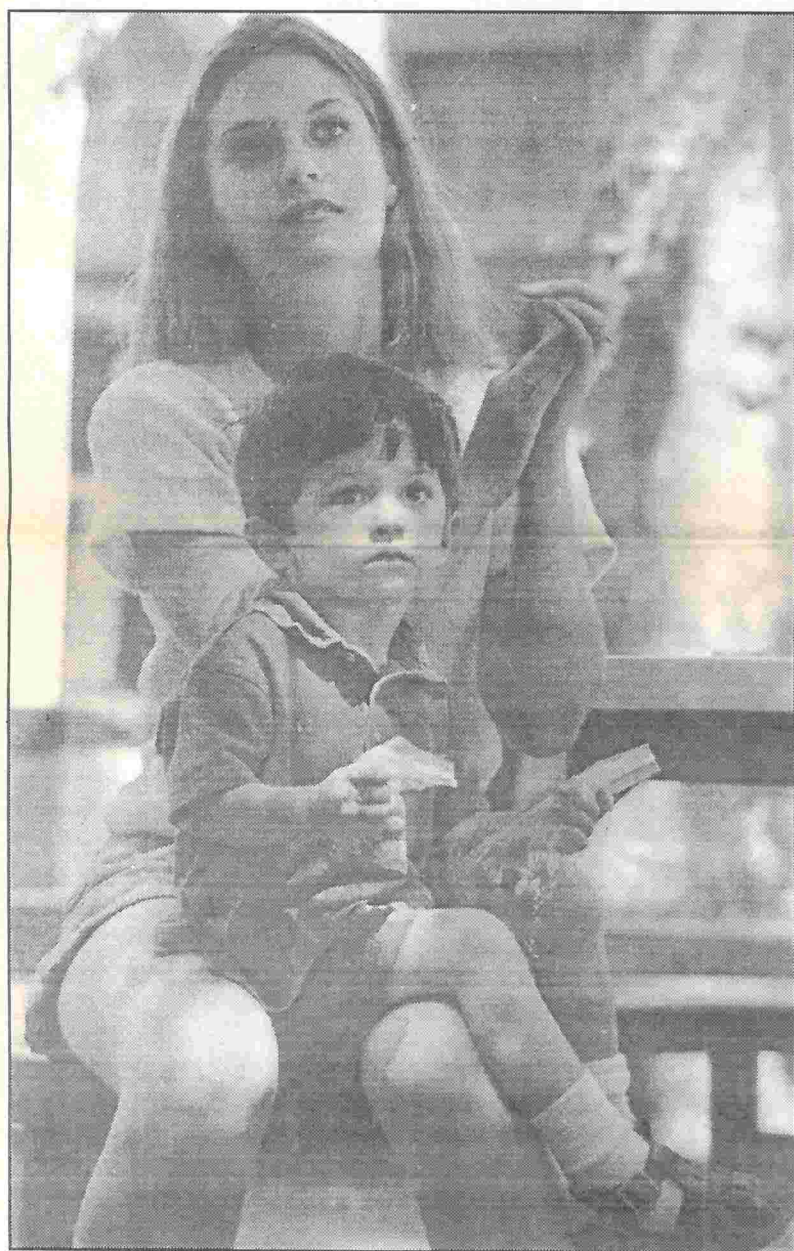


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They debated, now you decide...



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Left: Political Science student Jewelee Fernekees watched the Presidential debates Tuesday, with two year old son Cory. Top right: Presidential candidates state their positions on pertinent

student issues during a one hour debate. Bottom right: Executive Vice Presidential candidates answer questions in front of a diminishing crowd.

DASB candidates square off in separate debates

by Dean Edwards
Staff Writer

Candidates for DASB president executive vice president and vice president of programs faced off in separate debates Tuesday afternoon.

Tiffany Sommerlad challenged administration to be responsible and listen to students. Nathan Miller called for increased student activity and awareness. Soma Pullela said that communication is so important that he would wear a beeper 24 hours a day if necessary to keep in touch with students' needs.

Miller and running mate Jawantey Morris emphasized reaching out to students. Both stressed the need for increased student awareness and action.

Sommerlad and executive vice presidential candidate Denis Khodulev took strong activist stances. Khodulev recalled his entrance into political activity in Moscow during the 1993 attempted coup. Along with thousands of others, he responded to the mayor's plea to go unarmed into the streets and face down the tanks and troops. Pullela and running mate Valerie Helfrey positioned themselves as the outsiders, calling for change and inviting students to join with them to improve the college.

The debate flared briefly when candidates disagreed over a proposed \$600,000 student bail out of the Foothill College food services deficit. Sommerlad disagreed with the initiative. Pullela support-

ed it saying that we are all one district. Miller reminded the lunchtime crowd that Foothill once did the same for De Anza and now "it's time for us to be there for Foothill."

In the debate for VP of programs, Vivian Cooper squared off against Herlinda Garcia. Cooper offered students the benefit of her active involvement in community and campus life. As a returning student she brings experience and a knowledge of the campus dating back to 1977 when she first attended.

Garcia focused on her involvement with MEChA and her desire to increase the motivation of students at the college. The VP for programs should make sure that student know what is going on at DAC

Campus involvement seemed to be a common background for most of the candidates. However, as the polls open this morning the student body will decide if it's the comfort of experience or the freshness of new ideas that will carry De Anza into to the 1997-98 school year.

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***Iain Harley**

Having been a De Anza student now for almost a year, I've seen a lot that this college can offer, but I'd like to see and get more involved in its activities. As a senator I'd listen to the suggestions and needs of fellow students and work with the administration to work out mutually beneficial results.

Aziz Merchant



My last two years at De Anza have been full of challenges and experiences. As an international student and employee at the De Anza College Bookstore, I feel I have an "inside and outside" knowledge of school procedures. I plan to work with faculty, staff, and students as a mediator to help solve and clarify any misunderstandings.

Ming Sun Leung

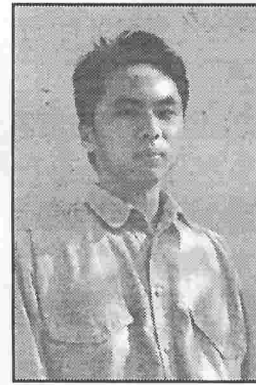


After becoming an Representative, I am more ed in college affairs. The conflict between the facu administration impresses m believe being a Senator can students and also bring ou to the faculty and administr

***Alice Zhang**

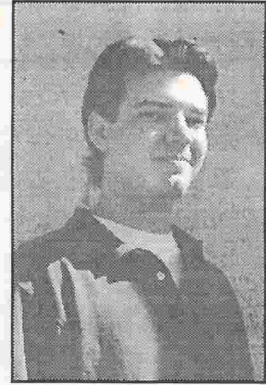
It is important for me to run because I want to contribute back to my school community. As an energetic, friendly and persistent student, I think I am representative of minority students as well as the general, hard-working population of De Anza. My goals are to accomplish everything to the best of my abilities and play a vital role in all decisions concerning our student body.

Kwok Shum



I want to become a DASB Senator because I had experience in student government in Hong Kong and I want to learn who student government works on an American multi-cultural campus. I want to use my creativity and cultural spirit to help create an even more satisfyingly diverse environment for our students.

Shane Smith



I believe I have a great deal the DASB Senate and the s of De Anza College. I wi hard to improve conditions students through my own c ment and I am confident I to the effectiveness of the s a means of student governa

***Louis Ramirez**

I am a full time worker and full time student who knows how to balance a schedule and I feel that De Anza doesn't do enough to meet the needs of the students who are trying to balance work and school. I would like to see a reduction in parking fees, an increase in activities for evening students, and a course selection equal to day students.

Sandra Dodge



As a DASB Senator, I would use this opportunity to give back to the school benefits from my 15 years in business. I hope to contribute to the enrichment of De Anza's current programs and the processes involved as I learn the ropes of the academic political system.

Sylvia Martinez



My hard work and determ throughout life, and my exp as an assistant business adm tion volunteer have made r ize that I can make a differe Anza has been a great part educational life and it is th that I want to be a great pa too. I want to increase lea diversity, and unity.

***Rudolf Ng**

I want to learn more about management and human relation skills, as well as serving my fellow colleagues. Within the past two years experience with DASB, I've learned a great deal about my college and I hope I can continue to do so.

Mike Swift



No statement given.

Mary Avalos



During the past 2 quarters I have served as a DASB Sen and I feel that continuing my service as a DASB Senator would be both fulfilling and beneficial to students. For th 1997-98 school year, I'd like raise student involvement ar awareness of issues to elimi some of the apathy that exis on campus today.

***Henry Huang**

I want to continue as a student representative.

***Onoky Ong**

I became interested in being a senator because I want to be more active and get involved in DASB. I will do my best towards my duties as a senator by keeping in touch with De Anza students and working together with present senators.

***Taichiro Ishii**

There are so many international students at De A Unfortunately, you don't know us, and our backgrou very different. To understand each other would be great I want to create mutual understanding between you and

Shared governance means you!

Campus wide committees you can join to make a difference

INTERNAL DASB COMMITTEES

- Bylaw & Planning Committee
- Finance
- Student Rights & Services
- Communications
- Programs
- Technology

Other DASB Committees:
Scholarship Committee
Travel Committee

CHAired BY

- Executive Vice President
- VP of Finance
- VP of Student Rights
- VP of Communications
- VP of Programs
- VP of Technology

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Academic Council
- Affirmative Action
- Cal SACC
- Construction Review Committee
- Campus Center Board
- Counseling Advisor
- Campus Security/Parking Advisory
- Program Review
- Facilities Planning

Chancellor's Council
College Council

Christina Kennedy



I have been attending De Anza for one year now and have made it my second home. I would like to see the high standards provided and maintained by the students continue. As a senator working with others like myself, students like you and I will be sure to see De Anza grow even greater.

Fatima Memon



No statement given.

*Fabian Lai

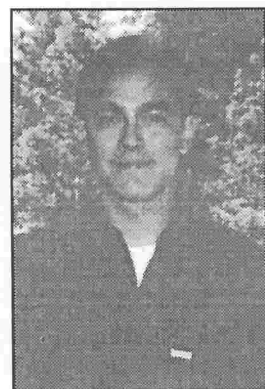
The reason I want to become a DASB Senator is because I find this a very interesting and challenging position. As an international student, I want to learn more about this country, get involved more with activities, and gain more experience.

Kaywan Mansubi



I have a great love for learning and for people. And I don't put the former before the latter, or the latter before the former, as odd as it sounds. My love for people and for learning will certainly help the De Anza Community blossom if I am made a DASB Senator.

Paul Plambeck



An integral part of the college experience is the experience itself. Not only should students receive the best education possible, but they should also feel part of a tightly-knit and functional community. I feel that by increasing student awareness, we can create an environment conducive to success and also make the college experience a memorable

*Jamel Wright

As a student who is new to California, college, and De Anza, I have a strong interest in becoming involved in my new communities. I want to learn about our commonalities and differences in order to help us meet our needs, both academic and social. I would value the opportunity to be your senator, in return for which I will serve as respectfully and honestly as I possibly can.

Delia Chan



My goal is to help students with physical, mental and learning disabilities. I believe that a college education should be provided to everyone with equal opportunity. I want to continue to serve as a DASB Senator and promote equal opportunity for the disabled

Luu Phoung Nguyen



I hope that I can be a senator again this year to continue my goal: serving the community and supporting a better student government.

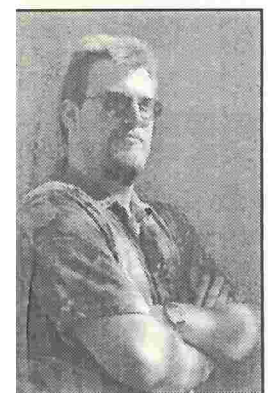
*Nicholas Pisca

I would like to become a member of the De Anza Senate in order to better represent the diversity of the De Anza Community. Being of mixed heritage, I have spent my life working to better understand communications between cultures. My experience will enable me to better represent and communicate the needs of a student body of varied cultures.

* Starred candidates had not made themselves available for photographs by press time.

And running for Veep...

Scott Bechtle VP Technology



I would like to continue my work with the Internet lab and continue to make it the unique wonder that it is: a place where all DASB members can get free Internet accounts at what is believed to be the only student-run Internet lab in the state.

Herlinda Garcia VP Programs



As VP Programs I want to see a true campus spirit which unifies all cultural backgrounds. It will be my responsibility to inform students of upcoming events and festivities. Informed students equals motivated students which in turn equals the true campus spirit that I would like to instill in De Anza.

Julie Ramirez VP Finance



I would like to continue to be in DASB because I have observed a lack of Chicana/Latina people within DASB. I also wish to continue my endeavors as the VP of Finance, ensuring unity, diversity, and equality among and for all of the cultures here on the De Anza College Campus.

Gerardo Rodriguez VP Student Rights and Services



Leadership positions must be reserved for those who can best serve and act. If the students at De Anza College are ready to take back what is rightfully theirs, then I, Gerry Rodriguez, am willing to serve and represent their interests through an active and enthusiastic participation in the DASB Senate.

Vivian Cooper VP Programs



As VP Programs, I would like to elevate programs out of the entertainment arena by developing a speakers series that will help students increase their marketability to future colleges, employers, businesses and community contacts.

Cheryl Chow VP Programs



Being a member of the DASB Senate will be an undeniably fruitful experience. Please give me a chance to serve you all.

Clarence Wong VP Marketing and Communication



I have learned a lot from being a senator and a member of marketing and communications this year and I want to serve my fellow schoolmates as a student representative of DASB again. I will approach my responsibility with focus and intensity to realize greater success in communications.

That's the ticket!

President and EVPs run together



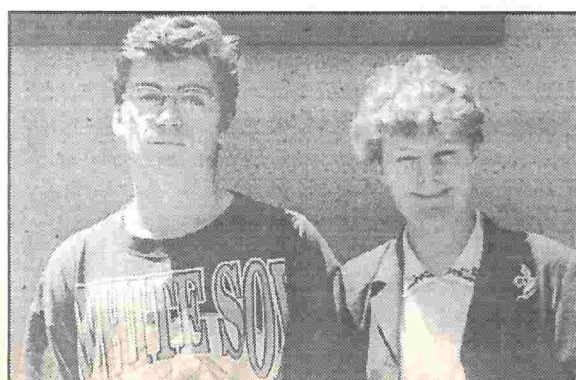
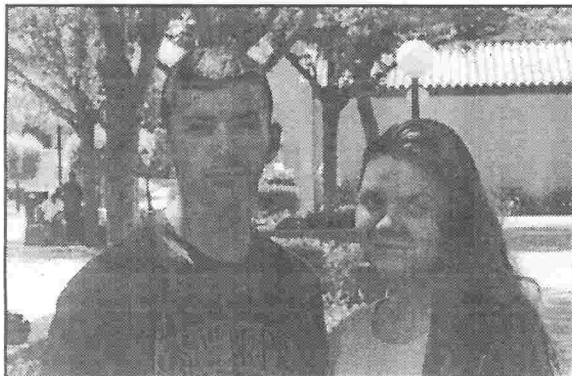
Miller and Morris *M & M for President!*

Left: Jawantey Morris, who is running for the position of Executive Vice President, shaking hands with Nathan Miller who is running for President on the same ticket.

Pullel and Helfrey

New Ideas for Our Future

Right: Soma Pullela, who is running for the office of DASB President, stands next to running mate Valerie Christine Helfrey.



Sommerlad and Khodulev

Experience Is What Counts!

Denis Khodulev, who is running for the position of DASB Executive Vice President, stands next to his running mate and Presidential candidate Tiffany Sommerlad.



See you at the polls!

Every year De Anza students select their associated student body representatives. These representatives will act as a voice for student concerns before the college, the district and the state. One of the single most important acts you can perform for yourself and your fellow students is to vote in the DASB elections.



José Fesas
DASB President

This year's elections mark an especially important time for De Anza students. As President of the student body and member of the bylaws committee, I worked with other DASB Senators to rewrite our bylaws. For the first time in over 18 years we will have open

elections for executive officers. This means that students not only elect 23 Senators, but they will also be casting their votes for the seven executive positions within the DASB.

We have hotly contested races for various executive positions and the Senate. Moreover, these elections will provide us with the first full Senate in eight years. But we need your help to make this year's election a true success.

We are counting on students to inform their classmates and friends of this important opportunity they have available to them. It is important that we not let all the energy and enthusiasm of this year dissipate. By voting, we will ensure that next year's student body can build on the accomplishments of this year. I wish all of the candidates good luck, and look forward to seeing you all at the polls.

Uncertainty plagues elections

by Dean Edwards
Staff Writer

Faced with irregularities involving candidate filing practices, as well as a change in date, the DASB elections begin today.

DASB President José Fesas took control over the election committee on May 9 after Tiffany Sommerlad stepped aside as chairperson to become a candidate for president. She in turn replaced Rudolph Ng less than two weeks earlier.

Ng resigned from the student senate at the April 28 meeting shortly before the senate voted to remove him as vice president of marketing and communications. After briefly considering running for executive vice president, Ng submitted papers to run for senate once again in the upcoming election.

Fesas, who many considered a strong candidate announced on May 9 that he would not run in the first direct election for president and vice presidents in at least 18 years. This set a flurry of activity in motion.

Sommerlad, vice president of programs, and Executive Vice President Nathan Miller each decided to reverse their earlier decisions not to stand for office. On May 9 both filed applications for DASB President.

The May 9 candidate filing passed with 32 candidates submitting applications for student body offices. The following Monday, Fesas announced to the

DASB Senate that irregularities caused the election committee to extend the filing date to May 14.

Soma Pullela filed early for president along with his executive vice presidential running mate Valerie Helfrey. Running mates for Miller and Sommerlad each initially failed to adequately submit applications on time.

Jawante Morris, co-chair of Brothers and Sisters United, submitted his application to run as Miller's executive vice president by the extended deadline. His earlier application lacked his signature.

During the extended filing period candidates continued to file and shift around the ballot. Vice President of Student Rights and Services Denis Khodulev decided not to seek that office. Instead, he filed as Sommerlad's running mate replacing Yonas Paulos.

37 candidates filed by the new deadline. These included three tickets for president and executive vice president, two competing for vice president of programs and one each for the remaining vice presidential positions. 25 students filed for the remaining 23 senate positions.

At last Friday's mandatory candidate meeting only 24 attended, leaving the committee with yet another challenge. Who might now fail to qualify for ballot status?

Fesas outlined alternatives to

the meeting for those who did not attend. On Monday he expressed confidence that all the remaining candidates would be certified for the ballot.

What seems certain is that there will be contested elections for DASB president and executive vice president and for vice president of programs. The situation for senate remains clouded.

Pullela and Helfrey, while the first to file and newcomers to student government at De Anza, promise to engage their opponents with an energetic high profile campaign. Miller, Sommerlad and their running mates add clear choices in types of experience and issues.

When Fesas announced that the committee extended the filing deadline in the interests of fairness, Pullela and Helfrey raised questions about procedural violations by committee members and candidates. Fesas said, "there's been a lot of glitches because its the first time in untold years there's a direct election."

Pullela and Helfrey later said they easily followed the student body election code, so others should be expected to do the same. Candidate speeches and debates occurred on the patio outside the campus center during the campaign period. Voting begins today and will continue until Saturday, May 31 due to the Memorial holiday weekend.

DASB Elections - Polling Locations and Times

When:

May 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

May 30, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

May 31, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., between ATC and Student Activities Center only.

Polling Locations:

S Quad
L Quad
ATC (near the Student Activities Center)
Bookstore
Learning Center
PE-Forum Area (May 22 & 27 only)

Afternoon Voting Location:

Student Activities Office, Campus Center, Lower Level
Time: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Paid poll sitters are needed for the election. Those interested should apply at the student activities office. Shifts are one hour long. Students must have a current spring quarter validation sticker on their student body cards to vote.